



August 29, 2002

Chairman Getman and Commissioners Downey, Knox and Swanson  
Fair Political Practices Commission  
428 J Street, Ste. 620  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: September 5, 2002 Commission Meeting - Agenda Item #15

Dear Chairman Getman and Commissioners Downey, Knox and Swanson:

I have just become aware that State agencies have been asked to cut expenditures by 20%. I ask that you take this letter into consideration during your deliberations and decision-making process.

As you are aware, City Clerks serve as filing officers for campaign statements, as well as Statements of Economic Interest. In reviewing the memo from Chairman Getman and Executive Director Krausse dated August 26, 2002 to the Commission, it is apparent to me that cuts to some of these programs will impact City Clerks in our role as filing officers.

I have used the FPPC Hotline on numerous occasions. FPPC regulations are very complicated and can be intimidating. With your toll-free number and technical assistance advice line, I do not hesitate to refer any of my filers (candidates or designated employees) to your hotline number for advice. I have heard nothing but positive comments from candidates when they call your toll-free number and they are able to get immediate answers to their questions. My own experience with the hotline has been very positive. I have confidence that when I call I will receive an immediate response and accurate advice. The quality of the advice, as well as being able to receive it in a timely fashion is very crucial.

The outreach program was invaluable to me and the city of Galt and I have implemented a number of changes to insure that I am in compliance with my duties and functions as a filing officer. No price can be put on a service that provides one on one assistance and guidance.

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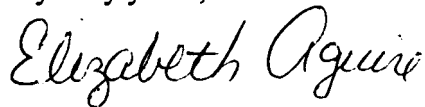
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The training sessions and seminars are very popular and informative with our candidates as well as myself. I strongly encourage candidates and treasurers to attend these seminars. I have heard nothing but positive comments about the quality, as well as the helpfulness, of the seminars.

While I fully understand that you have been tasked with the responsibility of making these cuts, I hope that you will take my comments into consideration and look for areas where cuts can be made that will not impact the services that you currently provide to City Clerks, as well as our filers. The services now provided by the FPPC are exemplary and you and your staff are to be commended for the improvements that they have made over the last few years. In order to preserve the integrity of the Political Reform Act, it is imperative that these services remain intact as they are functioning today.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Aguire". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Elizabeth Aguire, CMC  
City Clerk